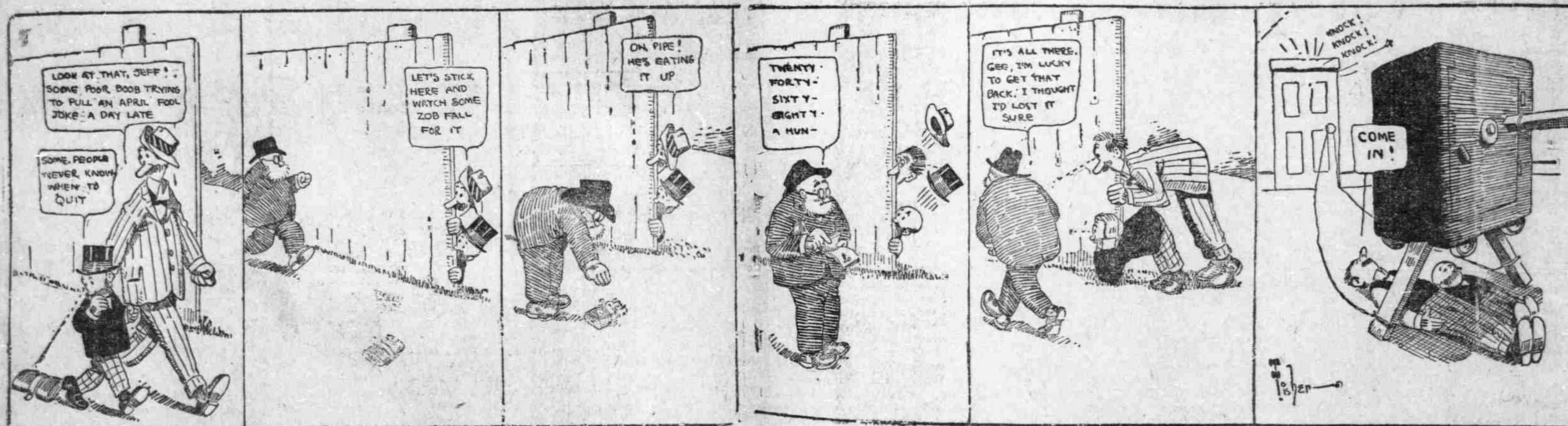


Bird In the Hand Worth Two In the Bush--By "Bud" Fisher



FAST INFIELDER SIGNS CONTRACT

Former Steubenville Player No Longer A Hold-Out--Is With McKeesport.

Kelley Clever is no longer a hold-out with McKeesport.

The gingery little fellow wanted by "Squire Mansfield" to cover second base the coming season came to terms several days ago. Clever signed at the figure first offered by the "squire" and says he will be on hand April 20 and ready to play ball, as he is working out daily at his home in Dayton, Pa.

Clever is expected to acceptably fill the vacancy in the infield caused by the draft by Louisville of Jack Cullen. In 1908 Clever played with New Castle and Sharon and he led the second basemen of the league that season with a fielding average of .977, having but nine errors in 384 chances. Last season he was with the Steubenville team. He played in 114 games and fielded .938, which gives him a place ahead of Cullen and among the best in the league. In 1908 he hit .228. Last season he batted the ball for a percentage of .241.

With a better team it is believed Clever will play much better ball. Gradually the holdouts are coming to time. Clever was one of a trio of Steubenville players "Squire Mansfield" purchased at Youngstown from the league. Poor Sam Wright conducted sale and such a good bargain did "Squire Mansfield" drive that the la-

Chicagoan and Briton Are Old Rivals

When a decision has been given at the National Sporting club of London in the fight between Packie McFarland, of Chicago, and Fred Welsh, a leading English lightweight, a candidate for the world's honor will have been groomed.

In forcing McFarland to make 133 pounds seven hours before ring time, Welsh evidently thinks he will have the Windy City pugilist at a disadvantage. McFarland could not make 135 pounds and be strong six months ago, yet he says in letters to friends in Chicago that he will have no trouble in scaling at 133, as he intends training steadily for six weeks. Welsh can do 130 pounds any day so that the weight for the match will not be a hardship, and the Englishman will enter the ring at his best.

Some persons who have seen ring rules enforced at the National Sporting club venture to say that McFarland if he adopts his usual rough tactics in fighting in and out of clinches will run the risk of being disqualified, as English referees are very strict on this point. In fact a Welsh victory on points would not be a surprise to these individuals.

McFarland has fought 57 battles since starting his ring career in 1905; Welsh has been in 63 scraps since starting in 1906. The men have met twice before. In Milwaukee, McFarland got the decision after ten rounds of fighting. Later at Los Angeles the pair went 25 rounds to a draw.

BILLY PAPKE DESIRES FLY AT MR. KETCHEL

"Billy" Papke, the fighter, chaperoned by his big brother and manager,

right on training so as to be ready for the gong at any time." Edward Papke told how, after the Lewis fight, Tom Thomas, the leading pugilist of England, postponed the date of a scrap with Billy Papke and

ANTE-SEASON DOPE SOMETIMES CHANGES

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FREDDIE WELSH
HYPNOTIC EYES.

WELSH, ENGLISH LIGHTWEIGHT.

STONE INDIGNANT AT CUT IN HIS SALARY

"Silent" George Stone has been heard from regarding the hitch between himself and President Hedges the Browns as to the size of his contract for the present season.

Stone still is at Coleridge, Neb., the town he made famous when he became the batting leader of the American league a couple of years ago, and, according to a letter, has no intention of leaving there until he finds his 1910 contract more to his liking.

Stone says: "I think I am getting a pretty raw deal of it this year, to have my salary almost cut in two, owing to my not hitting above the standard last year. I was playing under difficulties most all season, as you will remember. Before my ankle was injured I was batting over .300, with all indications for a most successful year. I was out of the game almost three months with my sprained ankle, and when I did get back in the game I was playing purely on my nerve, as I had to favor my ankle in every way."

"It was like starting in spring training, as my muscles had to be all worked out again. But I see Mr. Hedges does not consider this at all. The latter part of last year I was hit in the side with a pitched ball, and this forced me to lay off a short time. It was the first year since I have been playing baseball that I have had these misfortunes, and from this Mr. Hedges thinks I am not worth more than half what he has been paying me."

"My ankle is as strong as ever, and I never felt better in my life. Nevertheless, I do not have to play baseball for any such figure as has been offered me, as I am comfortably situated, with other interests to look after, and I have a good position in the Com-

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZE MONEY FRIDAY NIGHT

One hundred and ten dollars in prize money will be distributed at Friday night's meeting of the Canton Bowling association at Schoner's store on South Market street. The association will also elect officers.

The following distributions will be made: First place, Acme No. 1, \$20; second place, Hardly Ables, \$15; third place, Grands, \$12; fourth place, Cubs, \$8.

High team score for three games, Acme No. 1, 2980 pins, \$5; second high team score for three games, 2959 pins, Acme No. 1, \$3. High team score for one game, Acme No. 1, 1056 pins, \$3; second high team score for one game, Acme No. 1, 1046 pins, \$2.

High individual average for season, Poisel, 194 pins, \$10; second, Goodman, 192, \$5; third, Stough, 187, \$3. High individual for three games, Nusly, 659 pins, \$3; second, H. Jacoby, 653, \$2; third, Hamilton, 649, \$1.

High score for one game, McHenry, 265 pins, \$3; second, LeJeal, 263, \$2; third, Maag, 257, \$1. High average for strikes, first, O. Deal, 3 38-54 per game, \$3; second, Daberko, 3 35-52, \$2; third, H. Jacoby, James, Yaley, 3 29-48, \$1. High average for spares, Marsino, 5 7-56 per game, \$3; second, C. Kaufman, 4 57-60, \$2; third, Spoerl, 4 44-51, \$1.

The total pins for the season follow: Acme No. 1, 57,616; Cubs, 56,439; Hardly Ables, 56,422; Grands, 55,856; Stetsons, 55,772; Walk-Overs, 53,422; Commission Men, 50,682; Acme No. 2, 50,479.

WHITE--KILBANE WILL CLASH

The Fighters Meet Next Week In Canada In Eight-Round Bout.

Jack White, who caused Biz Mackey to go down and out, will meet Tommy Kilbane at Windsor, Ont., on April 13, in an eight-round boxing match. He will remain in this vicinity all of next week, and then start for his home in Chicago, where he will finish training. He is, however, keeping in form while in Akron, training at Whitelaw's private gymnasium and doing road work in and around Akron.

Since putting Mackey away he has had many offers to go on with the best boxers in this country and some of them he will accept and arrange terms as soon as possible. He expects to get a match with Abe Attell for the featherweight championship of the world, before any club offering the best inducements for a twenty-round fight or a finish fight at 122 pounds at 3 p. m. on the day of the fight. White says that he feels confident he will be able to give him a run for his money and furthermore that he can lick him.

Mackey, according to White, is anxious to get a return match with him and he is more than willing to meet him before any club offering the best inducements and for any side bet at 122 pounds at ringside.

SORRY TAFT WON'T
Indianapolis, Ind., April 7. Know nothing of Mr. Taft's except what has been told in the press. I can only say I am sorry he cannot see fit to call former Vice President W. Fairbanks today when Mr. Taft's calling off of hounds in Indianapolis early in May.

SUMMERS WINN
Sydney, N. S. W., April 7. Summers, the London won the lightweight cham Australia today when he l Harry Meehan in the round of their twenty-round

GRAND TUESDAY APRIL EVENING

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